

Appln. No. 09/750.031  
Amdt. dated September 5, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of April 8, 2003

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw rejections so that this application may be passed on to allowance.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's courtesy during a telephone discussion conducted on or about August 19, 2003. A summary of salient points is in the August 21, 2003 Advisory Action.

The August 21, 2003 Advisory Action stated the Amendment of July 23, 2003 would be entered upon filing a Notice of Appeal. To ensure entry of such Amendment, Applicants concurrently file a Notice of Appeal.

The amended claims are thought to respond to the Advisory Action in that claim 17 includes language from claims 22 and 23, and the remaining claims depend directly or indirectly upon amended claim 17. In this latter regard, claims 42 and 43 are noted.

Applicants respectfully, but earnestly, submit their application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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